

Technology to keep her community secure and equipped to meet her constituents' needs.

Personally, I was honored to work with Del on the Council of Governments, where she led as the board's president. Del has done the hard and thankless work that very few people often recognize. But the entire Washington metropolitan area is better off because of the tireless service she put in.

Ms. Pepper is a pillar of the Alexandria community, unafraid to speak her mind and vote with her conscience. She has been a comfort to her constituents and ensured that their voices were heard by the whole of Alexandria's city council. She has served her community since before some of her colleagues were even born. Del Pepper's dedication is unmatched, and I am proud to offer my congratulations to a treasured friend and colleague on a full, fearless, and caring career in service to the public.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Ms. Del Pepper on her thirty-six years on the Alexandria city council. Ms. Pepper has set an example that all of us would do well to follow in fighting for what she believes, in giving a voice to her constituents in the decisions that affect them, and in being a resource to her community. She is a unique and invaluable member of her community, and I am proud that I have had the opportunity to get to know her, may we all strive to be more like her in our own service.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO DIRECT THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON HELICOPTER AND ROTOCRAFT NOISE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FRIDAY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, May 27, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today I introduce a bill that would direct the Secretary of Transportation to submit a report to Congress containing recommendations on how to reduce helicopter noise in the District of Columbia. Such recommendations would include altitude, number of flights, flight paths, time of day of flights, types of aircraft, operating procedures and pilot training. The Secretary would be required to consult with any federal agencies or departments that fly helicopters in D.C., the Metropolitan Police Department, any medical helicopter operators that routinely fly in D.C. and any other operator that routinely flies a helicopter in D.C. The report would be due to Congress no later than 180 days after the enactment of the bill.

Even though D.C. has the most restricted airspace in the country, I hear from D.C. residents almost daily about the negative impact of helicopter noise on their lives. The noise can harm health and quality of life, and helicopters can even harm the structural integrity of homes. While I recognize the need for helicopters in D.C., the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Congress must do more to mitigate the harm to D.C. residents.

In 2019, I led members of the National Capital Region (NCR) in requesting that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) study helicopter noise in the NCR. Last year, GAO

issued its report. GAO found that there had been nearly 90,000 helicopter flights in the NCR from 2017 to 2019. GAO recommended that the FAA develop a mechanism to exchange helicopter noise information with operators in the NCR. The FAA indicated that it would implement such a mechanism. In March 2021, I introduced the Washington, DC Area Helicopter Noise Information Exchange Act of 2021, which would require the FAA to implement such a mechanism. In April 2022, I introduced the Reducing Helicopter Noise in the District of Columbia Act, which would require all helicopters in D.C. to fly at the maximum altitude permitted by the FAA in D.C., with limited exceptions.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, May 27, 2022

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 205; YEA on Roll Call No. 206; YEA on Roll Call No. 207; YEA on Roll Call No. 222; YEA on Roll Call No. 223; YEA on Roll Call No. 224; YEA on Roll Call No. 225; YEA on Roll Call No. 226; YEA on Roll Call No. 227; and YEA on Roll Call No. 228.

IN RECOGNITION OF EDEN PARK

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, May 27, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the hard work of the southwest Detroit community and board members of Tri-City Community Development Corporation who made the groundbreaking at Eden Park possible.

As we gather to break ground at the former site of Mark Twain School, we are reminded of the possibility of rebirth. This space holds the promise of a community green space that will serve the needs of our neighbors. It will be a place to gather, a central green space to enjoy the outdoors. As construction of the park commences, I look forward to seeing a space designed that will be embraced and enjoyed by people of all ages. It is my hope that Eden Park will exemplify what it means to be a place to commune. Its goals for hosting a playground, community garden, classes, and other recreational activities, will truly set it apart to become a jewel of the community.

Please join me in tribute to the communities of southwest Detroit and the Tri-City CDC as they break ground on Eden Park.

HONORING MARY JANE BURKE

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, May 27, 2022

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mary Jane Burke upon

her retirement from Marin County Office of Education as its intrepid Superintendent of Marin County Public Schools for nearly two decades and for a lifetime of extraordinary public service.

Raised in Stockton, California, as the eldest of eight siblings, Mary Jane moved to Marin at the age of 18 to attend Dominican University in San Rafael. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in education in 1973 and proceeded to also earn her master's degree in special education in 1976. Since then, she has served our community as a teacher, principal, special education director, assistant superintendent, and deputy superintendent. In 1995, following the death of her husband, she was elected to fill his seat as the next Marin County Superintendent, a position she has held for seven terms.

As Superintendent, Mary Jane fulfilled an essential role in shaping the trajectory of students' education at a critical age and ensuring our schools receive vital funding including overseeing 40,000 students and the distribution of \$450 million. Marin County Office of Education (MCOE) is responsible for the fiscal oversight of Marin County's 18 school districts budgets, and provides a variety of services including technology and educational programming for both public and private K-12 schools; managing regionalized special education programs; and offering professional development for teachers, instructional assistants, administrators, and school board trustees; among many other services. Mary Jane managed these roles with a high degree of commitment, always applying the highest standards and a laser focus on what is best for children. She developed a well-deserved reputation for her collaborative leadership style, and ability to cultivate strong partnerships among school districts, community organizations, businesses, and local governments.

Among her numerous accomplishments is the establishment of the Marin County School to Career Partnership and SchoolsRule-Marin, a joint effort by the county's public-school foundations to raise funds for K-12 students countywide to ensure access to critical educational opportunities is available for all public students, regardless of zip code. This program continues to combat the county's equality gap more than a decade later. Unafraid to take bold stances on deeply rooted and complicated issues, Mary Jane also played an essential role in prompting the state's 2019 historic desegregation order that resulted in the Sausalito Marin City Unified School District. She has been a fierce advocate for increasing access to early education and preschool. Beyond her work with MCOE, she shares her talent and time on the Board of Directors for the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT), the Marin County Treasury Oversight Committee, and is the former President of the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) representing all 58 California County Superintendents of Schools.

Superintendent Burke's work to improve public schools is regarded as a model for other counties throughout California. Her expertise has earned admiration and recognition from influential changemakers throughout Marin County and the State of California, as well as a plethora of awards and honors including California Assembly's 2021 "State of California Woman of the Year" for her